

Editor's Foreword

This special issue presents selected papers from the Eighth ACM SIGACT-SIGMOD-SIGART Symposium on Principles of Database Systems (PODS), held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 29–31, 1989. The proceedings of that conference contain preliminary versions of these papers and did not go through a formal refereeing process; the final versions, which in general incorporate substantial revisions, appear here. The papers included reflect the idiosyncrasies of the guest editor. They have gone through the usual refereeing process, and I wish to thank the referees for their efforts.

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